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THERE FOLLOWS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE JANUARY 27 ANNOUNCING POSTPONEMENT OF BUENOS AIRES MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS:

1. QUOTE. THE RATIFICATION OF THE TRADE ACT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS CREATED A HEMISPHERIC SITUATION WHICH HAS BEEN ANALYZED IN THE RECENT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
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ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. THERE THE COUNTRIES OF

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LATIN AMERICA UNANIMOUSLY AFFIRMED THAT THAT LEGISLATION WEAKENS INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY, DISTORTS THE GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES, IS CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE CHARTER OF THE OAS, AND, BECAUSE OF ITS RIGIDITY AND LACK OF EQUITY, HARMS FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. ARGENTINA IS FULLY IN ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT AND WITH THE LETTER OF THAT RESOLUTION.

2. FOR THIS REASON THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, IN ITS CHARACTER AS SECRETARIAT PRO TEMPORE FOR COORDINATION OF THE THIRD MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE AMERICAS, CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE TO PROPOSE THE POSTPONEMENT OF THAT MEETING WHICH WAS TO HAVETAKEN PLACE IN BUENOS AIRES THE COMING MONTH OF MARCH, WITH THE CONVICTION THAT THE SITUATION THUS CREATED SHOULD BE CONFRONTED BY LATIN AMERICA IN AUNIFIED AND JOINT MANNER.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT WITH ALL THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS, HAS REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT ADEQUATE CONDITIONS TO HOLD THE SAID MEETING DO NOT EXIST IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IS PROCEEDING TO POSTPONE THE MEETING UNTIL THAT TIME IN WHICH THE CONFLICTIVE SITUATION CREATED BY THE TRADE ACT OF THE UNITED STATES IS OVERCOME, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THEN TO RESUME THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND ARMONY WHICH IS REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE CONSIDERATION OF THE PRINCIPAL MATTERS OF HEMISPHERIC INTEREST, AND SO THAT SAID DIALOGUE CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL INSTRUMENT IN THE REALIZATION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE REGION.

4. WITH THIS DECISION, ARGENTINA INTENDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BETTERMENT OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND TO SERVE THE SOLIDARITY OF LATIN AMERICA IN WHICH ARGENTINA BELIEVES AND RELIES ON AS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PEOPLES. VIGNES. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER
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